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Sandy Wesch-Schulze  
Carter and Burgess, Inc.  
7950 Elmbrook Drive  
Dallas, TX 75247

Re: Project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act  
Proposed Dayton to Cleveland rail line (STB/LCRRD No. 1)

Dear Ms. Wesch-Schulze:

We are in receipt of a letter and documentation regarding the proposed routes for the rail line referenced above. This letter serves as comment on the proposed federal undertaking from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission. As the state agency responsible for administering the Antiquities Code of Texas, these comments also provide recommendations on compliance with state antiquities laws and regulations.

The review staff, led by Bill Martin, has completed its review. After examining our maps, we do not note any historic properties recorded along the proposed routes. However, none of the routes have been surveyed for cultural resources. Prior to initiation of construction, a survey should be conducted for archeological sites and historic buildings. The services of a professional archeologist and an architectural historian will be needed to accomplish this work.

The work should meet the minimum archeological survey standards posted on-line at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us). A report of investigations should be produced in conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation, and submitted to this office for review. You may obtain lists of archeologists in Texas on-line at: [www.counciloftexasarcheologists.org](http://www.counciloftexasarcheologists.org) or [www.rpanet.org](http://www.rpanet.org). Please note that other potentially qualified archeologists not included on these lists may be used. Since this work will occur within a right-of-way owned or controlled by a political subdivision of the state (Liberty County Rural Rail Transportation District No. 1), an Antiquities Permit must be secured from our office before fieldwork may begin.

Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. **If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Bill Martin at 512/463-5867.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William A. Martin", written over a faint, illegible background.

for  
F. Lawrence Oaks, State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: Victoria Ruston, STB



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